

Entzel for a distinguished career with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Her dedication and commitment to the profession of law enforcement reflects great credit upon herself and the United States of America.

GLOBAL HEALTH INNOVATION ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1660, Global Health Innovation Act, because it encourages the continual research and development of new global health strategies and promotes transparency between our Federal agencies and the United States Congress.

Under H.R. 1660, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) would be required to report to Congress on the development and use of global health innovations in USAID programs, projects, and activities.

This annual report would have to include a thorough description of:

The extent to which global health innovations include drugs, vaccines, and mobile technologies, as well as related service delivery improvements and behavior changes;

How innovation has advanced USAID's efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, end preventable child and maternal deaths, protect communities from infectious diseases, and further its Global Health Strategic Framework;

Progress made toward health product development goals;

How USAID's investments in innovation relate to its goals;

How USAID leverages investments to improve health innovation, develops affordable global health products, and advances health innovations in development;

USAID's collaboration with other federal agencies; and

How USAID is coordinating global health innovation activities between its Global Development Lab, Center for Accelerating Innovation and Impact, and Bureau for Global Health.

The report would have to be submitted within 180 days of the bill's enactment, and then annually for four years.

The critical research and development of global health technologies has facilitated the development of life-saving technologies saving countless lives across the globe.

Ultimately, the goal of H.R. 1660 is to support a long-term program to develop these much needed health technologies and innovative easy-to-use health solutions for low resource environment.

I have always been an advocate for the protection of women and children.

This bill would help to stifle the spread of infectious diseases in underdeveloped countries, and work to find new and improved ways to fight infection for those who cannot fight themselves.

So I stand for H.R. 1660; and I ask my colleagues to stand with me in support of this bill, and the pursuit of improved global health.

THESE IRANIAN PROTESTS ARE DIFFERENT FROM 2009

HON. TOM MCCLINTOCK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following op-ed, written by Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, the elected President of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, in support of the Iranian quest for freedom, printed in the Wall Street Journal on January 9, 2018.

THESE IRANIAN PROTESTS ARE DIFFERENT FROM 2009

Then, the cause was a rift within the regime. Now, the people are demanding an end to the regime.

The protests in Iran send a cogent message: The clerical regime stands on shaky ground, and the Iranian people are unwavering in their quest to bring it down. Slogans against velayat-e faqih, or absolute clerical rule, called for a real republic and explicitly targeted the regime's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and President Hassan Rouhani. This dispels the myth, still harbored by some governments, that Iranians distinguish between moderates and hard-liners in Tehran. It also undercuts flawed arguments depicting a stable regime.

Millions of Iranians live in poverty. Yet Tehran has spent upward of \$100 billion on the massacre in Syria, according to reports obtained by the National Council of Resistance of Iran. The chants of "Death to Hezbollah" and "Leave Syria, think about us instead" clearly demonstrate the people's opposition to the regime's belligerent regional schemes.

The country's official budget this year allocates more than \$26.8 billion to military and security affairs and the export of terrorism. This is in addition to the \$27.5 billion in military spending from institutions controlled by Mr. Khamenei and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. The budget for health care is a mere \$16.3 billion. Weak and vulnerable, the regime spends such astronomical sums on regional meddling as part of its strategy for survival.

Skeptics might point out that Iran has faced protests before. What makes the current uprising different from the 2009 protests?

The 2009 protests were sparked by rifts at the top of the regime. The current protests—which began in Iran's second-largest city of Mashhad and quickly spread across the country—were motivated by rising prices, economic ruin, widespread corruption and resentment toward the regime. This systemic economic mismanagement has its roots in the political system, and it grows worse every day. That is why the demand for regime change surfaced almost immediately. It seems to be the only conceivable outcome.

Another major difference: The 2009 uprising was initially led by the upper middle class, with university students at its core and Tehran as its center. The recent demonstrations span a much broader swath of the population—the middle class, the underprivileged, workers, students, women and young people. Nearly all of society has been represented on the picket line.

Nor is the current uprising tied to any of the regime's internal factions or groupings. There are no illusions about reform or gradual change from within. One of the popular slogans in Tehran is "Hard-liners, reformers, the game is now over." This is yet another sign of the certainty of overthrow. As an Iranian expression goes: Maybe sooner or later, but definitely certain.

The final differentiating factor is the pace of events. In less than 24 hours, the protesters' slogans shifted from economic woes to rejection of the entire regime. The establishment has been caught off guard and is scrambling to find a unified solution. The IRGC declared victory over the protests on Sunday, but this reflects its hopes more than the reality on the ground.

The regime has issued strong warnings against joining the leading opposition group, Mujahedin-e Khalq. One after another, low-ranking and senior officials, joined by the Friday prayer leaders across the country who toe the regime's line, blame the MEK for the protests. The torrent of statements by regime officials reflect their panic at the expansion of the nationwide uprising and the rising popularity of the MEK and the National Council of Resistance of Iran.

The religious dictatorship has resorted to extensive suppression to confront protesters. The IRGC has killed at least 50 people and wounded hundreds. By the end of the ninth day of protests, at least 3,000 had been arrested, according to our sources in the country. Numerous reports indicate that security forces literally knock on people's doors and warn them against attending demonstrations. The net of suppression has been cast as wide as possible.

In light of this brutal repression, the international community must not remain silent. The United Nations Security Council must adopt punitive measures against the regime's crimes. This has long been the demand of the Iranian people and opposition. We must not forget that the perpetrators of the horrific 1988 massacre of 30,000 political prisoners are still in power today, holding senior executive and judicial positions while engaging in the murder of protesters in the streets.

Perhaps the final difference between the 2009 protests and the recent uprising will be that the latter succeeds in overthrowing the reviled theocracy in Iran. The people of Iran fervently hope so.

HONORING THE CAREER OF STEPHEN ALFRED

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the extraordinary career of Stephen Alfred of South Kingstown, whose time as Town Manager will soon come to a close after more than forty remarkable years of service. Mr. Alfred's sense of leadership, dedication to community, and perseverance are just a few of the reasons we will miss him upon his retirement.

Alfred quickly found his way into public service after earning his bachelor's degree from Providence College in 1974. While pursuing his graduate degree from the University of Rhode Island the following year, he interned at South Kingstown Town Hall where he began working full time after concluding his studies. In 1976, at age twenty-four, he became acting Town Manager—a position made permanent the following year.

Alfred's tenure has spanned an impressive twenty-one Town Councils, and he has overseen South Kingstown's growth from a town of 16,000 to one of more than 30,000 residents. Through the years, he has earned the immense respect and admiration of his

colleagues and fellow citizens while focusing on fostering and maintaining a sense of community. He will retire as the longest-serving town manager or administrator in the state, which is a well-deserved reflection of his dedication to public service.

I join the residents of South Kingstown and the entire state of Rhode Island in expressing deep gratitude for Mr. Alfred's contributions, and I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. REX
GORDON, JR.

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life of one of Mississippi's most devoted citizens and public servants, Mr. Rex Gordon, Jr. Mr. Gordon passed away on Saturday, December 2, 2017. William Faulkner, Rex Gordon's favorite author said, "To understand the world, you must first understand a place like Mississippi." Rex Gordon loved our great state and embraced everyone he encountered. His passion was to help others and through every role that he assumed, Mr. Gordon accomplished that task. As a public figure, Mr. Gordon led by example—always placing God, family, and community above himself.

Mr. Gordon met his wife, Patricia, while a student at Pascagoula High School. They were married in 1970. While Mrs. Gordon attended Mississippi University for Women, Mr. Gordon pursued his college education including one year at the University of Alabama where he was a walk-on football player under Coach Bear Bryant. He later attended the Mississippi College School of Law where he earned his law degree.

The Gordons moved to my hometown of Union, Mississippi in 1984. It would not be long before Mr. Gordon became a "fixture in the community" as Mrs. Gordon likes to say. He opened a private law practice in Union, and Mr. Gordon's life would soon become a public one in service to his fellow man. He served as Newton County Attorney and Union Municipal Judge for 30 years. He also served 20 years as attorney for the Union Public School District. Mrs. Gordon said her husband was known for his devotion to public service, but what many may not have known was that he never wanted to take credit for his good deeds. He was a humble man.

Mr. Gordon also devoted his time to his favorite sport—football. When he was not cheering for the Ole Miss Rebels, you could find him on a Friday night in the press box at the Union High School football stadium. He was known as the "Voice of the Yellow Jackets." You could say he was one of my high school's biggest fans. Mr. Gordon showed his team spirit every chance he got.

Mr. Gordon was an inquisitive man who was always eager for good conversation and a cup of coffee. He was the founder and charter member of Ward's Morning Coffee Club. The men Mr. Gordon fellowshiped with each

morning over coffee at Ward's Fastfood, served as the honorary pallbearers at his funeral. Mr. Gordon was also an active member at Union Methodist Church and known for his desire to cheer people up.

Most importantly, Mr. Gordon was a man of family and faith. He and his wife, Patricia, were married for 47 years. Together, they have two children and five grandchildren. Both daughters live close to home which the Gordons consider a true blessing.

Mr. Gordon will always be remembered for his many accomplishments, but perhaps more for his determination to rise above all obstacles in the pursuit of happiness. Invictus, Mr. Gordon's favorite poem, says it best. Therefore, I include in the RECORD the following excerpt:

Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul

It matters not how straight the gait,
How changed with punishments the scroll,
I am the master of my fate:
I am the captain of my soul.

My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Gordon's family and friends.

MISCELLANEOUS TARIFF BILL
ACT OF 2018

SPEECH OF

HON. GEORGE HOLDING

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Miscellaneous Tariff Bill.

As you know, I represent the great state of North Carolina which has more MTBs recommended by the ITC than any other state.

Of the 1,800 petitions from the ITC, around 330 of those were submitted by North Carolinians. This represents a tax cut for them of \$70 million in 2018 alone.

This legislation benefits a wide variety of manufacturers in my home state, and across the nation. Textile manufacturers like Glen Raven, or crop science companies around the Research Triangle Park, or appliance manufacturers in Charlotte, would all benefit under this plan.

Requiring American manufacturers to pay tariffs for imported products not made in the United States puts them at a competitive disadvantage to other countries. This bill is an opportunity to cut those tariffs, which are taxes, and have them reinvested in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this very important bill.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MR. GARY
CANTER

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of the co-owner of the

iconic Canter's Deli, Mr. Gary Canter—a beloved son, husband, and father—who passed away on December 26, 2017 at the age of 58.

Gary was born on March 18, 1959 to Alan and Elizabeth Canter. Gary was the grandson of Ben Canter, who started Canter's Deli with his brothers in 1931 in Boyle Heights. The deli was later moved to Fairfax in 1953 and has been one of the oldest and most famous eateries in Los Angeles.

Gary's career at the deli spanned over 43 years. He began working in the bakery at the age of 15, selling rye bread, danishes, and coffee cakes. After a few years, he moved to the deli counter and sold corned beef, pastrami, and brisket. By the age of 21, he was promoted to manager and oversaw 125 employees and the day-to-day operations of the 24 hours a day, 7 days a week restaurant. Gary helped expand Canter's Deli to Las Vegas in 2016 in two locations, the Linq and the Tivoli Village.

Gary was a person with a big heart and personality. He lit up any room he walked into and was known for calling those who he cared for, "Buddy Buddy".

Gary is survived by his wife, Traci, his daughter, Jenifer, and his parents, Alan and Elizabeth, whom I hope take comfort in the way Gary lived his life. May his memory be a blessing to us all.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN MICHAEL
SCOTT FOR HIS 16 YEARS OF
SERVICE AT THE GLOVERSVILLE
POLICE DEPARTMENT

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 18, 2018

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Captain Michael Scott on his retirement from the Gloversville Police Department after 16 years of service.

Since starting with the Gloversville Police Department in 2000, Captain Scott has been instrumental to the Department's growth and success. After serving as a patrol officer, police sergeant, and administrative sergeant, he attained the rank of police captain in 2016. To name just a few of his important contributions to the Department, Captain Scott oversaw the implementation of body worn cameras, energy device programs, and the transition of the department from the Uniform Crime Report to the Incident Based Reporting system. One of Captain Scott's proudest accomplishments is serving in the role of Accreditation Manager in the NYS Law Enforcement Accreditation program that the Department earned for five years. Captain Scott also held the position of public information officer, where he handled media requests, distributed press releases, and more. A true public servant, Captain Scott served in the Navy and the National Guard prior to his career in the Gloversville Police Department, which included deployment in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I would like to thank Captain Scott for his years of hard work and dedication to his community, and wish him all the best in the years ahead.